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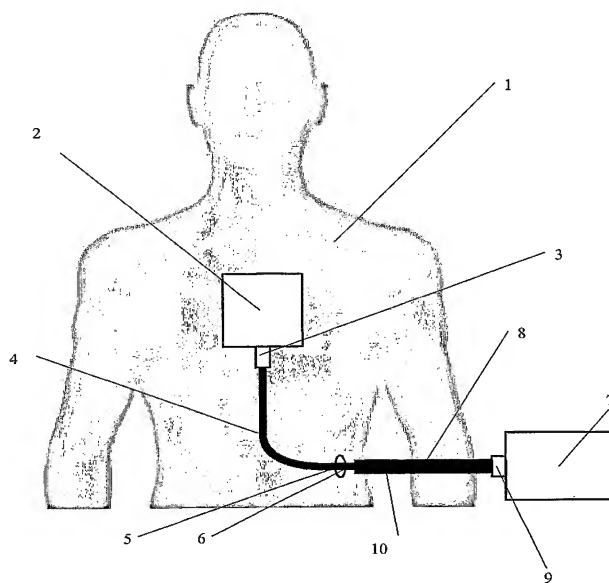
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- (57) Abstract:** A percutaneous lead assembly (10) for supplying electrical signals to a medical device (2) implanted within a body of a patient (1). The lead assembly comprising a flexible elongate member having a first portion (8) adapted to remain external to the body of a patient. The first portion having a first diameter and a second portion (4) joined to the first portion and adapted to extend through a hole (5) in a skin layer of the body of the patient. The second portion having a second diameter which is substantially smaller than the first diameter.

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